

## PRUSSIANS DEFEND FRENCH POSITIONS

### United States Army Commission Will Observe the War

#### FORTNIGHT'S RESPITE GIVEN TO TONOPAH TEACHERS AND PUPILS

Christmas exercises were held yesterday by the kindergarten and lower grade pupils. A playlet with a holiday theme was presented in the school gymnasium by the pupils in Miss Patterson's grade. A number of parents were present and greatly enjoyed the work of the miniature Thespians.

The public schools closed yesterday for a two weeks' vacation. This morning several of the teachers left for Reno to attend the state teachers' institute and more will leave tomorrow. Those who plan to attend are Superintendent Chauncey W.

Smith, Mrs. Clyde McKenzie, Walter W. Anderson, Frank L. Jackson and Misses Irma Foltz, Hazel Taylor, Jessie Evans, Muriel Robb, Florence Bray and Clerimond Withers.

Mrs. Earl McKee, formerly Miss Amy Westcott, who for the past year has been teacher of music and drawing, concluded her engagement with the school department yesterday. She will continue to reside in Tonopah. Mrs. McKee was instrumental in having a splendid exhibit of work by pupils prepared. It was shipped to Reno today where it will be included in the state exhibit to be forwarded to the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

#### E. S. LA TOURETTE CHIEF DEPUTY TO STATE TREASURER

POPULAR APPOINTMENT MADE  
BY ED MALLEY, THE GUARD-  
IAN OF NEVADA'S FUNDS.

Ed Malley, Nevada's treasurer-elect, announces the appointment of Ernest S. La Tourette, of Tonopah, as his chief deputy. Mr. La Tourette today resigned his position as auditor of the Nevada Telephone and Telegraph company, to take effect the first of the year. Mr. La Tourette and his interesting family will make their home at Carson City, where he will take office on January 4. It is with regret that he leaves the southern country, where he has made many friends.

Mr. La Tourette came to Nevada from Colorado, where he was chief clerk to Superintendent Phillips of the department of motive power of the Denver & Rio Grande railroad. He was secretary to Superintendent Hanlan, of the Tonopah & Goldfield railway, and afterwards became storekeeper for the company. Afterwards he became secretary to Manager Forster, of the T. & G., and removed to Goldfield when the general offices of the company were located there.

When Clyde Johnson took office as auditor and recorder of Esmeralda county two years ago, he made Mr. La Tourette chief deputy. Upon the resignation of Percy Oak six months ago, Mr. La Tourette returned to Tonopah and became auditor of the Nevada Tel. and Tel. company.

#### TONOPAH ASSISTS RELIEF MOVEMENT

WILL SEND FOURTEEN BARRELS  
OF FLOUR TO STARVING  
PEOPLE OF BELGIUM.

The amount donated by the citizens of Tonopah for the relief of the destitute of Belgium has been forwarded by the consent and direction of the donors to the Belgian Flour fund, collected by the Literary Digest magazine of New York city. Each \$5 of this fund buys a barrel of flour. Very soon a shipload of over 12,000 barrels, purchased with money raised for this fund, will leave New York city for Belgium. The amount collected by the Tonopah people was \$69.

#### JAMES BRAY TAKEN TO ETERNAL REST

FUNERAL OF WELL KNOWN MIN-  
ER ATTENDED BY FRIENDS  
AND ACQUAINTANCES.

Bells tolled a requiem to the late James Bray this afternoon. The funeral took place from the Catholic church, where impressive services were conducted at 1 o'clock by Rev. Father Diss. The interment was in the Tonopah cemetery. Many beautiful floral emblems were placed upon the coffin.

The services were attended by many friends and acquaintances of the deceased. Those who bore the pall were Jack Burk, Tom Connors, Frank Walsh, G. McLaughlin, Roger Dougherty and Patrick McQuaid.

#### NEW PASTOR COMING.

The Presbyterian church of Tonopah, which has been without a pastor for the past two months, has filled the position. Rev. R. W. Bayless will arrive January 2 from Tullahoma, Tenn. He will be accompanied by his wife and little child.

#### TODAY AND A YEAR AGO.

	1914	1913
Official readings of the thermometer by the United States observer at Tonopah:		
5 a. m.	12	15
9 a. m.	10	18
12 noon	16	21
2 p. m.	19	22

#### FRED SEARLES, JR. STILL ON STAND FOR JIM BUTLER

EXPERT BEING CROSS-EXAMINED  
ON QUESTIONS OF GENESIS  
OF ORE BODIES.

Fred Searles, Jr., expert for the Jim Butler company, occupied the stand all yesterday afternoon in Judge Averill's court, where he was on direct examination in the Jim Butler-West End litigation. Mr. Searles spent the greater part of his time discussing the formation as exemplified in the complicated model of the workings of the properties. This morning he was cross-examined by Judge Dickson for several hours. The testimony was largely of a technical nature and was listened to intently by a number of mining men in the audience, some of whom studiously took notes and later held discussions in the corridor.

#### JAPANESE CLAIM DESCENT FROM HEAVENLY REALMS

HISTORIAN TRACES RACE BACK  
TO ARMENIA AND CELES-  
TIAL SOURCE.

(By Associated Press.)  
TOKIO, Dec. 19.—The Japanese people came originally from Armenia, according to Takataro Kimura, who has been making a study of ancient records of Japan. The Japanese, he says, claim to be of a race descending from heaven. They call their country the Land of Gods, he continues, and this tradition reveals the true origin of the Japanese people. The investigator writes as follows:

"Heaven is 'Ame' in Japanese, so the Kingdom of 'Ame' must have been Armenia in Asia, whence the people spread in all directions. But the center of the race history moved on to Babylon, Greece and Egypt, and still farther to Morocco and Senegal in the extreme west of Africa.

"Japan's first emperor, Jimmu, who must have lived in Gambia, otherwise called Jimma, in Senegal, recrossed the Mediterranean and returned to Greece. This is the 'eastern expedition of Jimmu' in Japanese chronicles, and the return of Hercules in Greek history. The story of his return was lost in the west, but the national classics of Japan have preserved it for the world."

The author does not accept, therefore the Japanese chronology of this early age. He affirms that Jimmu Tonno's deeds were enacted in a region entirely different from the present Japan.

#### GRAND JURY DEFERS RENDERING REPORT

The grand jury of Nye county has completed the work of its present session. Its report, which was expected last evening, will be made late this afternoon upon conclusion of the day's hearing of the Jim Butler-West End litigation.

#### ALLIES ON OFFENSIVE IN WESTERN ZONE OF CONFLICT OF NATIONS

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, Dec. 19.—It is indicated by a German statement that the offensive in the west now rests with the allies. Berlin speaks of a series of attacks which were repulsed. The French, however, assert that further important advantages have been won by the allies, who are apparently endeavoring to push back the German line at a sharp angle north of Paris, where it swings eastward. At Albert, the allies, under heavy fire, pushed through to the entanglements of the second line of entrenchments. At several other points the allies won ground. Paris admits that in two instances the Germans progressed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The army appropriation bill, granting \$101,000,000, agreed upon by the house military committee, carries a special fund of \$15,000 for United States military observers in Europe. It follows the war department's estimates closely. An increase of 25 regiments was proposed in a bill by representative Anthony. The law limiting the army to 100,000 would thus be repealed. Appropriations of \$400,000 for aviation and \$50,000 for armored automobiles were included.

#### PROMOTIONS GIVEN GERMAN SARGEANTS

ONE NEWLY-MADE OFFICER IS  
GRANDSON OF PRINCE BIS-  
MARK, IRON CHANCELLOR.

(By Associated Press.)  
BERLIN, Dec. 19.—The latest number of the official Military Weekly announces the promotion of fourteen sergeants of the Life Guard Cavalry regiment to ensigns, the youngest in seniority being Sergeant Count von Bismarck-Schoenhausen. The newly made officer is a grandson of Bismarck, being the only son of the late Count Vilhelm Bismarck, known familiarly and in his father's writings as "Bill." Count Nicholas von Bismarck is eighteen years old and owner of the ancestral estate of Varzin, which his father inherited from Prince Bismarck.

#### HUNDREDS LOSE LIFE AS BATTLESHIP SINKS

BRITISH ADMIRALTY TELLS HOW  
THE MESSUDIEH WAS  
DESTROYED.

(By Associated Press.)  
ATHENS, Dec. 19.—Hundreds of lives were lost, including German officers, when the Turkish battleship Messudieh was destroyed by a British submarine in the Dardanelles. The British admiralty has announced that on December 14 the Messudieh was torpedoed by Lieutenant Hotbrook in the submarine Bell, who dove under the mines.

#### COOS BAY POUNDS ITSELF TO DEATH

STEAMER SINKS AFTER GRIND-  
ING WHARF TO PIECES IN  
HEAVY SWELL.

(By Associated Press.)  
VENTURA, Cal., Dec. 19.—Backing into a wharf to take cargo, the steamer Coos Bay swung against the structure and pounded it to pieces under the heavy swell and wrecked herself. It is believed the vessel is a total loss. The pounding opened the seams of the Coos Bay and she filled with water. She had been in the coasting service for years. The vessel was built in 1884. She had been running between San Francisco and Ventura.

#### SEMI-MONTHLY CLEAN-UP BY WEST END COMPANY

The West End Mining company today shipped 30 bars of bullion, as the result of the last half-month's run. The bullion weighed 45,450 ounces, worth at the present price of silver approximately \$31,500.

#### VILLA'S TROUPS JOIN ENEMY AT SAN LUIS POTOSI

CARRANZA GAINS THOUSANDS  
OF SOLDIERS FROM FORCES  
IN REVOLT.

(By Associated Press.)  
SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 19.—The garrison of San Luis Potosi revolted against General Villa and surrendered the city to General De Los Santos, who is loyal to Carranza, according to a dispatch. Several thousand troops participated. It is reported that troops commanded by General Torres, in the state of Tamaulipas, have also gone over to Carranza.

#### MOBILIZATION BY ITALY IS DENIED

OMAN SENATE DECLARES ITSELF  
UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR OF  
BRINGING ABOUT PEACE.

(By Associated Press.)  
ROME, Dec. 19.—The senate adjourned after a unanimous manifestation in favor of peace. Premier Salandra declared absolutely false any announcement of Italy's mobilization.

#### KING CONGRATULATES NEW SULTAN OF EGYPT

RULER OF ENGLAND ASSURES  
HUOZIN KEMAL OF UNFAIL-  
ING SUPPORT.

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, Dec. 19.—King George has sent a message to Huozin Kemal, whose appointment as sultan of Egypt was announced yesterday, assuring him of his sincere friendship and unfailing support in safeguarding the integrity of Egypt. He said: "Your highness has been called to undertake responsibilities in the grave crisis in Egypt. I am convinced you will be able to overcome the influences that are seeking to destroy the independence of Egypt with its wealth and liberty of its people."

#### MASONS WILL ESCORT REMAINS TO DEPOT

The remains of the late Val C. Johnson, who died here Thursday evening, will be escorted to train 23 tomorrow morning by members of Tonopah lodge, No. 28, F. & A. M., and visiting brethren. The body will be shipped to Potosi, Missouri, where relatives reside.

#### PLATT REPORTED TO BENEFIT BY RECOUNT

DUNSEATH A STEADY GAINER AS  
BALLOTS OF TONOPAH ARE  
BEING REVIEWED.

The recount in the contest of Gallagher vs. Dunseath for the office of constable of Tonopah is progressing rapidly, the votes of the fourth precinct now being reviewed. Mr. Dunseath is a heavy gainer thus far, the first three precincts giving him an advantage of 22 in net gain. Of the ballots in the third ward 21 were set aside to be reviewed by the court.

A number of representatives of other possible contestants are keeping tally. It is stated by the representative of Sam Platt, who was defeated by Francis G. Newlands on the face of the returns for the United States senatorship, has made a gain of nine and possibly ten votes in the ballots thus far recounted.

#### MANY BULLETS FAIL TO REACH THEIR BILLET

SHOWER OF LEAD FREQUENTLY  
FAILS TO FALL UPON  
THE ENEMY.

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, Dec. 19.—One of the things frequently noted by soldiers at the front in writing to relatives and friends is the extraordinary expenditure of bullets required to kill a man. A German report states that many German soldiers fired 4,000 cartridges apiece during the first month of the war. An English observer estimated that 25 German shells are wasted for every man killed by them.

In 1870 it was calculated that the Germans fired 150 bullets and six shrapnel shells for every wounded Frenchman. In the Russo-Japanese war it is said 3,000 bullets were fired for every life lost.

#### HOSTS OF MEN IN CALIFORNIA IDLE

WARNING IS ISSUED TO LABOR-  
ERS TO KEEP AWAY FROM  
GOLDEN STATE.

(By Associated Press.)  
SACRAMENTO, Dec. 19.—"If you are looking for a job, don't come to California," is the warning by the commission on immigration and housing. An investigation showed that there are 1,000 more men than jobs. Californians will be given preference in all available work.

BERT TAYLOR and wife and James Harvey came in from their mining camp near Athens this morning.

#### SCHOOL EXHIBIT SENT TO PANAMA PACIFIC DISPLAY

Tonopah's contribution to the Nevada Panama educational exhibit was completed yesterday and was sent this morning to Reno, where a committee will select and arrange the best of the material sent in from all the schools of the state. From Reno the exhibits will be forwarded later to San Diego and San Francisco to make up Nevada's educational exhibits in these expositions.

The material to be included comprised photographs of school buildings, drawings, manual training work, domestic art work and anything useful for the home or school made wholly, or in part, by the pupils under the direction of the teachers. Tonopah's part will consist wholly of drawings and water color paintings and photographs. The drawings were made in the grades where for several months Mrs. McKee has been sorting out and saving the best work done in each grade room. During the week photographs were taken of the exterior and the interior of the school building, to be sent along with the drawings and paintings of the pupils. The art teacher found some excellent talent among the Tonopah children and was able to select some splendid work.

The state teachers' institute, which several of the Tonopah instructors will attend, is this year to be held in two places, with similar programs. Elko and Reno were selected for the convenience of teachers who live long distances from the northern cities. The sessions will last from December 21 to 24, inclusive.

Able instructors have been engaged and the state superintendent is hoping to see a large attendance and the accomplishment of much good through discussion and lectures.

During the week following the Institute semi-annual state teachers' examinations will be held in various parts of the state. The dates will be December 28 to 31, inclusive. For this part of the state Goldfield, Pioche and Las Vegas have been designated for the holding of these examinations.

There are now between 540 and 550 children attending the Tonopah public schools, a larger number than even last year, when the total surpassed previous years. It is probable that a new receiving grade will be started after Christmas vacation. In the interests of economy there will be no new music and drawing teacher employed to succeed Mrs. McKee, who has resigned.

#### WAS NEARLY ASPHYXIATED.

Neal Ward, well known in Tonopah, was overcome by gas in one of the Virginia mines a few days ago, and when discovered was in such shape that for awhile his life was despaired of. He is still very sick, but is pronounced out of danger by his physicians.